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Summer Issue of YOUTH

A combined July - August issue of the YOUTH will be published for the summer months. The summer issue will go to press about the middle of August and all articles for that issue must be in our hands not later than the first week in August.

The YOUTH takes this opportunity to wish all of its readers a Pleasant Summer Vacation.

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THE NATIONAL MONTHLY FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH

The Month of Decision

June has always been a month of decision for large numbers of young people year after year because it poses the vital question, "What shall I do now?" Many of you dear readers are probably in that same position this year. With graduation from your high school sprint behind you, you now have a very important choice to make — the choice of your life's work. Very often it is difficult to make the right decision so let's talk about it for a while.

First of all, you should remember that you are the one who should have the final choice about what occupation or profession to enter because it is your life which is going to be affected. Of course, you should always ask for advice and guidance from your parents, teachers and pastors. Very often some parents are set upon having their son become a doctor, a dentist or a lawyer regardless of whether such is their son's wish. They seem to be obsessed with the idea that this is the highest attainment which anyone can achieve and that if the financial backing is there, the children should be pressured into whatever parents think is best. In cases like this, it sometimes happens that young people who are talked into entering a profession by their parents, get to like it. However, in the majority of such cases, the young people are filled with resentment and hate their work. If you choose a job at which you can be happy and which you like doing, the joy of working will be that much greater.

Another factor to be considered is making a frank appraisal of your own abilities and being honest enough to admit your own limitations. If your marks in High School were just hovering around the fifty mark, or were below it, the chances are that University is out of the question for you. If you haven't realized how important study is by the time you get through grade twelve, and you barely slide through, you certainly won't improve at University, if you are allowed to enter. Some students delude themselves with magnificent daydreams about how hard they are going to work next year, but it is always the same next year. However, next year comes and goes and no changes have been made. If success is to be achieved in life, a great deal of stamina and will power are needed. Just drifting along lazily will get you nowhere.

If your high school marks are such as to warrant further development of your talents, do so whenever possible. We now have many professional men among our ranks, but many more are needed. If your financial status is such as to prevent you from entering University this

fall, take a year off and work. All you need is that initial start. After that it is an easy matter to earn your way through during the long interval between sessions. In addition, hard working students may also qualify for numerous scholarships. Some provinces have very good plans to aid worthy students and you should avail yourself of information about them. In Alberta, for instance, any grade twelve student having an average of sixty-five may apply for a loan to enter University. This loan does not have to be repaid until after graduation, and a low rate of interest is charged after the course is completed.

Those of you who go into the fields of business or the trades also have a big future ahead of you. No matter what job a person has he will get ahead if he works diligently at all times even when the boss isn't around.

In order to make sure you choose the right life's work, you should pray constantly for guidance. Maybe God wants you to serve him in some religious order. If so, you are indeed fortunate because your chances of achieving heaven in the life hereafter are that much greater.

Regardless of what your choice will be, we wish you every success in your endeavors and hope and pray that you will be an inspiration and a model for others. May God bless you and help you in choosing your life's work.

ALWAYS CARRY YOUR BEADS

The very least any Catholic can do is to carry his rosary beads with him at all times. It has been our depressing experience that many fail to do this. No Catholic man, woman, or child should ever leave the house without having his beads with him.

There are many motivations for carrying the beads on your person at all times. Among others:

1. There is an indulgence for just carrying the beads.
2. Because they are blessed, beads are a Sacramental.
3. There is a blessed Crucifix on every rosary.
4. Beads are a most distinctive badge of devotion to Mary.
5. Carrying the rosary induces one

to pray it occasionally. Its constant presence stimulates a lazy conscience.

6. It is a natural thing always to carry a photograph of a loved one. The rosary is "Our Lady's photograph".

7. Just touching the rosary helps to overcome temptation.

8. One is constantly equipped to pray the rosary whenever unexpected free moments occur.

9. In case of an accident the beads always identify one as a Catholic.

We often encounter children without their beads. Mothers should see to it their children, no matter how young or how old, never leave the house without their beads.

Many are too lazy to pray the Rosary daily, but there is no conceivable reason why a Catholic would not at least carry the beads in his pocket. That costs him no effort.



VILLA

Summer Courses for U.C.Y.

Summer courses for the U.C.Y. in Canada is a recent enterprise. Ten years ago to be exact, on March 23 and 24, 1946, the National Executive of the U.C.Y. held a special conference in Saskatoon. Present at this conference were: Very Rev. Father M. Horoshko, Very Rev. Father B. Firman, Very Rev. Father Boniface Sloboda, O.S.B.M., Very Rev. Father Sebastian Kurylo, O.S.B.M., Rev. Brother Methodius, F.S.C., A. Zuk, B. Korchynski, J. Woliansky, N. Kuzek, P. Kozoriz, M. Korpecz, P. Worobecz, M. Firman, P. Kachuk, P. Zuk, P. Babyn. Then and there they decided to have U.C.Y. leadership courses in Saskatoon during July of the same year. The staff assigned to undertake these courses was composed of Reverend Fathers Boniface Sloboda, O.S.B.M., Sebastian Kurylo, O.S.B.M., B. Firman, and Brother Methodius, F.S.C. Immediately the staff drafted a plan and a curriculum which were sent to the Most Reverend Bishops Basil Ladyka, O.S.B.M. and Neil Savaryn, C.S.B.M. for approval. Receiving

the formal approval and blessing from the Bishops, the first U.C.Y. courses were a success. The results were satisfying and Most Rev. Neil Savaryn O.S.B.M., offered to become the patron of the courses.

The energetic Fathers and Brother Methodius were not satisfied with their success in Saskatchewan, but wished to extend the benefits of the courses to a larger number of the youth in Canada. Therefore, Father B. Sloboda, Father Kurylo, Father Firman and Bro. Methodius drafted a plan for 1947 to have the courses in Edmonton besides Saskatoon. In that year the courses were conducted in Edmonton during July and in Saskatoon during August.

The following year, that is in 1948, the one large diocese for the Ukrainian Catholics was divided into separate dioceses. Since then there is no mention of Leadership Courses in other provinces besides Alberta. The Basilian Fathers, who proved more than once their sincere and true devotion to the Ukrainian



Participants at a recent session of leadership courses at Pigeon Lake in Alberta. The priests, seated from left to right are: Fr. Chraplevy, Fr. Bilyk, Fr. Channas, Fr. Sloboda, His Excellency Bishop Neil Savaryn, Fr. Kurylo, Fr. Oneshko, Fr. Hewko, Fr. Yakubow, Fr. Pryma. All priests belong to the order of St. Basil the Great, commonly known as the Basilian Fathers.

people and especially to the Ukrainian youth, carried on the leadership courses because they desired to prepare the Ukrainian Catholic youth for the important task of safe-guarding the future of our church and nationality in Canada. Till 1952 the courses were held in the City of Edmonton in St. Basil's and St. Joseph's Institutes, but since the accommodations proved to be inconvenient, the Basilian Fathers acquired St. Basil's Villa on the lake-shore of Pigeon Lake. Very Rev. Father Sebastian Kurylo, O.S.B.M., who always took under consideration the comfort and recreational facilities for the youth, prepared cozy lodgings for girls and separate dormitories for boys; built a large auditorium for socials and games and a comfortable mess hall where delicious and appetizing food prepared by experienced cooks is served. Father Kurylo actually prepared a home for the youth away from home. In this ideal and comfortable villa the Basilian Fathers conduct leadership courses till the present day.

The Basilian Fathers have not only taken care of the material needs at St. Basil's Villa, but they have also organized an experienced and devoted teaching staff. Every year six or seven Basilian Fathers who have been born and educated in Canada, and who understand the mentality and needs of the Ukrainian youth in Canada, devote their time to teaching at the Villa. They are competent teachers to lecture on the doctrines of the Catholic Church, our Rite, History of Ukraine, Ukrainian language, Ukrainian literature and music. Besides, they direct sports, folk-dancing, singing of popular and religious Ukrainian songs, etc.

Dear Reader of the Youth: Certainly you are proud to be a Ukrainian Catholic. Probably circumstances did not permit you to learn all that you would like to know about your Catholic Faith and Ukrainian Heritage. Now is your chance to learn more. Why not come to the U.C.Y. Leadership Courses at St. Basil's Villa. Here you will enrich your knowledge every day that you spend with the Basilian Fathers. At the same time you will spend your holidays at one of the loveliest lakes in Alberta where organized recreation is taken care of in such a manner that everyone enjoys a happy vacation under competent and kind supervision. Fresh air, fish in a beautiful lake with a long stretch of clean water to swim in and a large number of boats are yours to enjoy while obtaining a solid Ukrainian Catholic education. At the same time you will meet and associate with the finest of Ukrainian Youth in Canada. During the former years teachers, university students, high school students from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia took part in the Courses. How about you? Won't you come?

This year the U.C.Y. Leadership Courses will be held from July 1 to July 30. The Basilian Fathers extend a cordial invitation to all boys and girls (13 years and up) to participate in the Summer Courses for the Ukrainian Catholic Youth at St. Basil's Villa.

For any information regarding the Villa or Summer Courses, please write to:

Rev. Boniface V. Sloboda O.S.B.M.
9648 - 108th Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta.



The placid waters and the beautiful surroundings of Pigeon Lake make an ideal setting for the leadership courses for Ukrainian Catholic Youth. What better way can you think of to combine learning with pleasure? In the above picture, Fr. S. Kurybo, O.S.B.M., one of the founders of the course, stands on the deck and casts a paternal gaze upon the youthful recreational pastime.

Date Data

TIPS ON COMPANY KEEPING

During the last two months, we discussed the problem of kissing, and we reached the conclusion that the morals of modern society are rapidly degenerating in this important aspect of human relationships. Kissing was meant to be something special, sacred and idealistic; to be treasured and honored for always. It was not meant to be something cheap or a mechanism for leading to greater sin or looser morals. It is up to us, as the Ukrainian Catholic youth, to take the lead in showing others that there is such a thing as decency, honor and respect in social relationships. Let us always act as we should, as rational human beings, whose love for God helps us to live as He desires we should. Let us not degrade ourselves by giving reign to animalistic instincts, such as those stressed in certain books and movies.

In order to give guidance to our readers in this important respect, we have compiled several tips on company keeping, which we now present for your information. One of our sources was the Queen's pamphlet on kissing.

1. Be charming and pleasant, smart and as well dressed as possible, clever and attractive. Make virtue attractive and yourselves attractive with it. Everyone knows from bitter experience that high courage is needed to be consistently good.

2. Men as a rule, are much less willing to marry than are women. Therefore, since most marriages are brought about by the young woman, when you meet a good Catholic man, whom you think you would like

to marry, go about the business of tactfully, intelligently and virtuously interesting him, and after you are sure he is the man for you, subtly persuade him to believe that he wants to marry you, and with chaste and charming womanly wiles, get him to propose to you.

3. Be a good listener. A man wants a good audience. Instead of chattering so much about your own interests, listen to him with sympathy, interest, understanding. Encourage him to talk about his plans, his ambitions, his struggles. Let him feel that from you he can always get courage and encouragement in breasting the world. A man wants his future wife to be a good listener, a restful influence, a centre of peace, an inspiration, an audience.

4. Occasionally invite the young man to your house and entertain him for the evening; let him see your home and feel that you can make his home a centre of peace. Cook him a good meal and serve it in your home. He will expect you to prepare good meals for him after you are married. Let him see, too, how delightfully natural and good you are to your folks at home — and how neat, even when not dressed up.

5. Go with the young man to the places to which he likes to go, and do the things he likes to do. Do not be selfish. Forget your own preferences. Do not insist that he go to places he does not care to go to, or do things he does not care to do. Sensibly and prudently keep him from spending too much time and money on you. Still, a certain gen-

erosity towards the girl with whom a man goes out, is a good guarantee of his generosity towards the woman he will marry.

6. Do things together; walk, ride, go to the movies, attend concerts, lectures, church, read the same books, cultivate the same hobbies, etc. Try to find enjoyment in doing things together; simple inexpensive, interesting things.

7. If you remember that the best of human beings are often weak, that men disappoint girls and girls disappoint men, and that both men and women are only too often foolish, if you don't expect perfection from the man you are going with, you will forgive him if he is guilty of a frailty. You will remember that to err is human; to forgive, divine. Just as we must daily ask God to forgive us our trespasses, so we also have frequent need to forgive one another our trespasses.

Here's hoping that the above tips will help you to get the right perspective about this all-important topic, because it is the one which is of vital concern to all young people. There are so many things to do when a person is young and has his whole life ahead of him. Life can be so wonderful if it is lived in the right way — don't try to ruin it by doing things in your own youth for which you will be sorry later.

As a fitting close to this series, let us keep in mind the following excerpt from a book by Father Vincent P. McCorry, entitled "Those Terrible Teens" (New York: Declan X. McMullen, 1947). The book itself is one which every young Catholic boy and girl should read to get a more complete account of company keeping.

"The kiss exists, now, for its own

sake, without relating to meaning of any sort. It is sought, given and exchanged not to express and glorify a gorgeous reality, but to yield a momentary thrill. The kiss used to rise up from the heart; now it is chained to the body. It used to incarnate the high aspirations of two who loved; now it embodies the lowest desires of two who lust for one another. The kiss was once a poem and a song; now it is a kind of silent blasphemy. So ends the modern history of the sublime sign of love."

"Like every other portion of the noble human body, which the most high God, first lovingly formed out of the slime of the earth, the lips are a miracle and a meditation. The lips of the infant draw life from its mother's breast. The lips help, throughout life, in the normal, necessary functions of eating and drinking. The lips play their part in the wonder of speech and in the equal marvel of silence. The lips make a straight line of courage in adversity and softly part in the rare moments of surpassing joy, which this poor world affords. The lips whisper the act of contrition, and open to welcome the white flake that is Christ Jesus. The lips will taste a last anointing with holy oil, and their last loving sign, please God!—will be pressed against the Crucifix in the very article of death. The lips will be gently closed by loving hands, and will open again one day to sing forever the rapturous praise and the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

"It is these lips which sweetly yield to the beloved the lovely sign of love. Let them yield nothing else, ever."

ВСТАНЬ МОЛОДЧЕ!

Представ собі похорон сина вдовиці з Наїм.

Приятелі й знайомі численно зішлись віддати йому останню прислугу й погішити засумовану матір. Поглянь, як його виносять на марах. Його тіло зимне, непорушне, мертве.

З домовиною іде заплакана мати. Вона відчуває його втрату тим більше тому, що не зможе його заступити. Це був її самотній син; самотня дитина, яку вона любила над усім!

В той час переходив дорогою Ісус Христос. Похоронний похід задержався. Христос приступив ближче до мертвого сина й промовив: "Молодче, Я кажу тобі, встань".

Скільки то сьогодні душевно мертвих юнаків, над якими плаче й ридає печалива мати, свята Христова Церква! Їх несуть до гробу . . . ні! радше вони самі туди спускаються. Цей гроб є ніщо інше, як вічне пекло.

Душевно мертвий є кожен, що стало перебуває в стані важкого гріха.

Причина тієї вічної смерті, це байдужність, або легковаження собі справи гріха та його сумних наслідків. Послідовно, настає душевне засліплення, лінивість в службі божій — нуждення життя.

Якщо ти спиш сном смерті гріха, Христос кличе до тебе: "Встань Молодче! Почни жити правдивим життям. Він хоче просвітити тобі дорогу життя й показати тобі дорогу до вічного щастя. Він сам свідчив: "Я дорога, правда й життя; ніхто не приходить до Віття, тільки через Мене". Поза Христом не маєш світла, ні святості ні спасення!

Так. Христос дорога правди. Це світло світа, що просвічує кожну лю-

дину, яка переходить цей світ.

Пробудися! Позволь ласці Божій пробувати в твоїй душі. Бог хоче, щоб ти жив, пастував в житті, щоб ти був щасливий тут і опісля в вічності.

Відчини своє серце на поклик Христа й іди слідом за Ним!

Якщо ти завмер гріховною смертю, то встань сейчас, бо не годиться вмірати в так ранній віці! Над тобою чуває св. Христова Церква й журиться станом твоєї душі! Як сумує над тобою небо, яке бажає тебе поміж святими!

Ще раз кличу до тебе, встань молодче! Встань із того сну, що є початком вічної смерті! Ти ні теплий ні зимний, і тому Господь не вдоволений з тебе! Зроби себе знову гарячим при допомозі святої молитви й гідним прийманням св. Тайн. Обтрясися з душевного ліниства! Працюй й трудися як справний християнин.

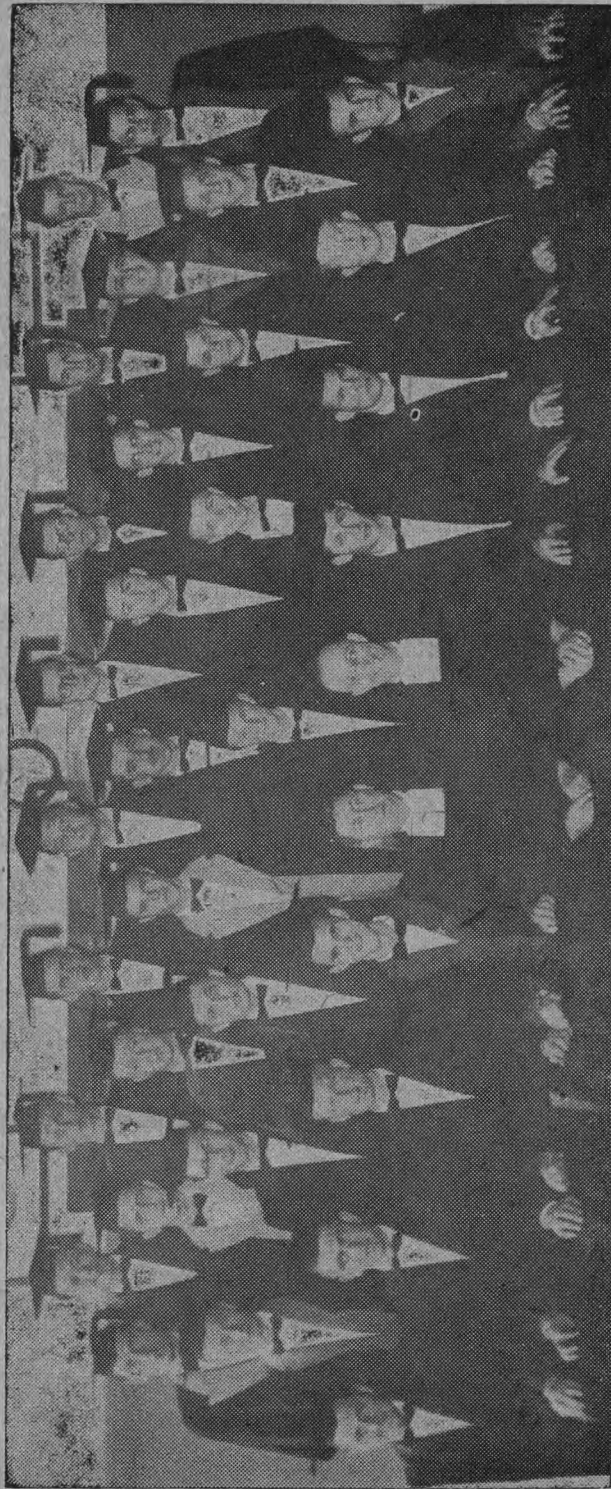
Чому не мавби ти ходити дорогою до неба? Господь Бог щедрий для всіх, що просять у Нього ласки й допоміж. Він сама доброта й не вимагає від тебе нічого більш, як вірного співділення з Його ласкою до кінця життя. Він напевно допоможе тобі заховати всі заповіді й побороти всі труднощі твого спасення. Тільки встань і ходи слідом за Ісусом Христом. Він запровадить тебе до вічного щастя!

о. П. М., ЧНІ

Husband (whose chances as candidate had seemed very poor): Darling, I have been successful in the election.

Wife (incredulously): Honestly? Husband: Oh, why bring that up?

1955-56 GRADUATES ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



Front row: l. to r.: Andrew Speley, William Tretiak, John Chychrun, Sergei Sherman, Brother Justin (Principal), Brother Isidore (Form master), Walter Furdievich, Emil Sereda, Harold Repko, Edward Woroshelo.
 Second row: l. to r.: Joseph Wasylenska, Casper Stoski, Peter Yacyshyn, Raymond Gurba, Russel Skrypka, Eugene Bialobzyski, Nestor Trach,
 Third row: l. to r.: Alphonso Lipoth, Mac Voss, Orest Sackney, James Bilokreli, Morley Kostecki, Kenneth Forster, Orest Zemlak, Witold Bielski, Michael Sologuk.
 Back row: l. to r.: Arthur Zabinski, Orest Tymchuk, William Shewchuk, Michael Petryshen, Nestor Koziak, Nicholas Lysyshin, Stephen Pastershank, Robert Houghton.
 Missing: Eugene Cherneski, Gerald Domshy.

TEACHING STAFF 1955-56, ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



Standing left to right — Brother Isidore, Brother Josaphat, Brother Victor, Brother Stanislaus;
Sitting left to right — Brother Clement, Brother Gregory, Brother Justin, Director, Brother Ambrose, Brother Clarence.

YORKTON, SASK.



SACRED HEART ACADEMY GRADS

Front row (left to right) Mary Yakimishyn, Sophie Nycholat, Elsie Prymak, Sylvia Pankevich;

Second row — Theresa Gouvinchuk, Doreen Nakoneschny, Helen Bache-wich Olga Pawlin;

Third row — Elizabeth Merczyk, Verna Gurski, Adeline Olenick, Natalia Krywulak;

Fourth row — Olga Zamrykut, Agnes Storozuk, Anne Zamrykut, Adella Misko;

Back row — Stella Michalczyshyn, Mildred Baschuk, Jeanne Sych, Florence Kreshewski, Frances Strlikiwski.

Missing — Margaret Skilnick and Cecile Lackmanic.

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Housewife, having finally tucked small boy into bed after an unusually trying day: "Well, I've certainly worked from son-up to son-down,"—Reader's Digest Release.

"I've always been religiously inclined," remarked the oyster as he slid down the minister's throat, "but I never dreamed I would enter the clergy."

Myrnam U.C.Y.

The Myrnam U.C.Y., boasting an active membership of 59, sponsored a dance in the Myrnam National Hall on April 21st. A good crowd was in attendance and the dance was a success.

A well-attended U.C.Y. gathering, which provided members and guests with plenty of outdoor entertainment was held on May 20th. A meeting, highlighted by a brilliant address by Dr. Stanley Kucey, Rev. T. Hurke and Mr. Ernest Pawluski, followed the outdoor activities. Dr. Kucey strongly stressed the importance of religion to youth and Mr. Pawluski, honorary president, spoke on practicing religion by frequent confessions, regular church attendance and good Christian conduct. Father Hurko addressed the members on the necessity of understanding religion and conducting oneself

A sports-filled summer is anticipated in a high moral and religious sense. Such conduct would be worthy both in the eyes of God, the individual and the community.

Anticipated by members with the purchasing of the following sports equipment: volleyball, softball, ping pong and badminton. Very active participation has already been displayed by the enthusiastic membership.

Added encouragement and reward will be enjoyed by members of the U.C.Y. who are honor students in Grades IX and XII this year when, for the first time, the Myrnam UCY will award scholarships to these deserving students. This commendable project should prove an added incentive to our brilliant students.

A contribution of \$50.00 to the Press Fund was decided upon at the

last U.C.Y. meeting. Tentative plans were also made for a U.C.Y. layout which would include an individual picture of each member to serve as a nice remembrance in the years to come. June 3rd was decided upon as a Sunday set aside for group confessions by the members. Upon conclusion of the meeting, a delicious lunch was served.

Press Correspondent,
Zinnia Lysakowski.

THANKS

NOTE: Our sincere thanks to the Myrnam U.C.Y. organization for their splendid donation to our magazine. If every local were even half as generous, we'd have a 64 page periodical within a very short time. It gives us a great deal of pleasure to hear of a local, which is as active as the Myrnam club, and we sincerely hope that they will serve to encourage others with their fine example. It is our hope and prayer that the Myrnam U.C.Y. will continue to remain as active as it is now.

Mother (on train): "If you're not a good boy, I'll slap you."

Junior: "You do, and I'll tell the conductor how old I really am."

Press Fund

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WHO WILL BE NEXT ?

Reminiscense of St. Josaphat's U.C.Y.

1956 SEASON

It seems a short time ago since we began a new season but now has come the time to reminisce.

The success of the club was a result of the co-operation, spirit and constant toiling of our executive and the club members. As we dwell on the past season, we hope we have upheld the high standards of the reputation of St. Josaphat's U.C.Y.

As the portals of the new season opened September 25, Emil Galayettes was elected president; Arnold Trook, vice president; Ann Drefko, secretary; Dr. Stan Kucey, treasurer and Kasimir Lukawitski as fifth member.

Under the capable handing of the social committee, the year's activities provided splendid entertainment to a very appreciative group.

The first big event of the season was the Hallowe'en Dance, with costumes and all.

The club was led to Communion Breakfast three times and all responded wholeheartedly.

The Christmas festive season was concluded by a frolic, December 28.

Sleigh riding parties were held during the early months of the year, in accordance to popular demand.

The retreats at St. Albert in February were well attended by both boys and girls.

An auxiliary of the club, the bowling league, also experienced a very successful season which was rounded out by a banquet at Club Mo-combo.

The club's gesture to their mothers was in the form of a tea in May at the National Hall.

The spring season treated us to a Sock Dance in April and a picnic at Pigeon Lake, both in April and June.

Each meeting was also followed by a dance and a snack or a whist game during the Lenten season.

Honorable mention goes out to our spiritual leader, Father Sloboda and his able assistants, Fathers Skwarok and Chraplivy. Without them, the club would have not been what it was.

These are the things we will remember about the past season. Yes, it will be hard to deny the fond memories of St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. of 1955-1956.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS JOYCE POWLEY,
Press Committee.

Holy Eucharist U.C.Y.

Our annual Mother's Day tea was held on May 13th in the Holy Eucharist Church. All members of the U.C.Y.O. aided in making this our most successful tea to date. The girls of the club did a wonderful job of preparing the tables while seve-

ral ladies of the parish kindly accepted the club's request to pour tea during the afternoon.

The younger mother of the parish present at the tea, Mrs. Uyanecz, and the older mother, Mrs. Pisesky, were presented with rose corsages by the

U.C.Y.O. club president, Miss Helen Pisesky.

Entertainment for the tea was provided by the school children of the parish. We wish to thank all the children and Sister Louise and Margaret for working so very hard in making the afternoon a success.

Miss Helen Pisesky completed the afternoon with an address to all the mothers present, in which she thanked them all for attending and hoped they all enjoyed this day set aside for them.

The U.C.Y.O. has tried something new for our club. Under direction of Rudolph Piseski and Arthur Hlushak the club produced a "lit". For

the "lit" all club members who wished to show their (drama?) talents met and outlined a program for the evening. Several days' rehearsal and two weeks later a very enjoyable two hours of entertainment was had by club members and several of our guests. The evening's entertainment went off so well that another "lit" is being planned for the end of June.

Forthcoming in the sports department, we hope, will be a few ball games. The boys have had several practices and only hope they will be challenged by some teams. If interested, phone Rudolph Pisesky, 781432

Let's Chat

It's been quite a while since our last chat, hasn't it? I hope you missed it, did you? You know, there are so many things we could talk about that there's no end to them, but we are always hampered by the fact that space in the YOUTH magazine is so limited. After all, there is a limit to how much material can appear in only sixteen pages. Don't you wish the magazine was bigger? If there was enough demand for it, this column would definitely appear in every issue, but so far, the few letters we have been receiving are insufficient to warrant this as a regular feature.

Today I'd like to begin about a topic which has been a very touchy one with me, and probably will continue to be so as long as the same conditions exist. Maybe it has also been a cause of disgust for you too. What I'm referring to is the continual lack of trust and co-operation among our own people. Maybe that

is one of the reasons why the Ukrainian nation today is not among the free countries of the world, but has to swelter under the dreadful yoke of communism. We just haven't learned to present a united front; instead we are torn apart by petty strife and jealousy. We can talk about unity until we are blue in the face, but if we don't follow up our words with actions we will not accomplish anything. We are the fourth largest ethnic group in Canada and, as a result, should be making a much larger contribution to Canada's material and cultural welfare than we are at present. After the war we were fortunate in having our ranks swelled by our own racial groups. However, a small but influential group of these newcomers has proved unwilling to adapt itself to our Canadian way of life and, as a result is further hampering any co-operation in all fields. Now, let's look at some other ways in

which we work against each other.

Take, for instance, the matter of newspapers. With such a large number of Ukrainians in Canada, we should have a daily newspaper. Instead we have several weeklies which are just getting by and are not large enough to attract any sufficient number of subscribers. Then, too, we have two wonderful Ukrainian Catholic Magazines in Canada, one published in Toronto and one in Yorkton. If they received all the co-operation they should, they could compete against any English language magazine on the market. So far we don't have any competition for the YOUTH, but we don't have enough co-operation either and our subscription lists are only a fraction of what they could be.

The same lack of help and co-operation is also evident in the professions and in business. How many of our people go to other doctors and dentists instead of to their own who are just as good and often better? Why is it that when a Ukrainian teacher comes to a school where there is a sizeable number of Ukrainian students, he is most often hindered by these same people and has more difficulty with them than with others. If our students are fortunate enough to have teachers of their own nationality, why not work with them instead of taking the lead in being difficult and trying to give the teachers a hard time.

In places where we have our National Halls, it very often happens that only a small portion of our people take any interest in them. Instead, a large number joins other organizations and even contributes to building a hall which will be in competition with their own. A

splendid example of co-operation, isn't it?

I could go on listing other examples and, doubtless, you could too, but let that suffice. Let's see how we ourselves are affected. Soon, we will be filling the ranks in our adult organizations and it will be up to us to bring about closer ties of co-operation. We can do this much better if we first clean house in our own ranks. A U.C.Y. local was not meant to be a tiny independent organization whose members gather only to have a good time. It should not be as someone once said, "If the meeting isn't short and if there's no dancing after, I'm not coming". Thank goodness all members aren't like that. If they were we might as well forget about provincial and dominion organizing. Socials are a very important part of U.C.Y. activities but, surely, they are not the only reason why we exist as an organization. We also have much higher ideals and aspirations than that. Our organization doesn't exist merely to satisfy personal pleasures. It is also keenly interested in the Spiritual and Cultural aspects of our life. There are many of us in Canada and it's about time we started thinking big and doing big things, instead of squabbling over trifles.

The best way in which we can bring about closer co-operation in our own ranks is to start in our own communities. Encourage every Ukrainian Catholic Youth to join the local and give your spiritual director every possible assistance. Then try to conduct your meetings in such a way that after every one is over you can say that you learned something which will make you a better person for it. The social part will, of course, not be overlooked. Try

to get together with other locals in nearby territories and learn from each other.

The next important step is to elect a Diocesan executive which you know will work hard to justify the honor to which you have elevated them. The Diocesan Executive is very important as it is the core upon which a larger measure of success rests. It should be as the mother hen drawing its chicks to her and protecting them with her strength and courage.

The Diocesan Executive should keep in close touch with its locals and every local should receive a visit from them at least once a year in order to get help and guidance. If any Diocesan executive does not keep in touch with its locals can you blame the locals for not contributing part of their fees to the mother organization?

It is only when we have got this far that a Dominion Executive can do much good. It would be ideal if we could have a full-time organizer for the U.C.Y. who would be an important member of the top executive, but since this is not likely in the near future it is up to us to co-operate in every way possible. A Dominion U.C.Y. Executive can do very much to make our organization a powerful and effective one which

will be our spokesman whenever needed. In time it could also branch out in some charitable and social work. Many of our institutions such as orphanages and old-folks homes could always use some help. The U.C.Y. could do a terrific amount of work in the educational field by helping to have Ukrainian taught in Universities and High Schools. We could also sponsor scholarships to help worthy members to attain a better status in life. Actually the opportunities are limitless.

It's about time we became aware of our potentialities and showed what can be accomplished by true harmony and co-operation. When we select a new Dominion Executive this summer let us strive to elect the persons who we know will do the best job.

The YOUTH is the official organ of the U.C.Y. Yet, how often have you read any Diocesan or Dominion pronouncements within the past six months that this magazine has been appearing regularly? Let's make effective use of the facilities which are available.

I've taken up too much space already so I'd better quit. However, I would like to pursue the subject more thoroughly at a later date. How about you? What are your ideas?

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